

**MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
ANNUAL REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

June 23, 1999
Phoenix Airport Marriott
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Councilmember Dennis Cahill for Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe, Chairman	Councilmember Dennis Kavanaugh for Mayor Wayne Brown, Mesa
Mayor Thomas Morales, Avondale	* Mayor Edward Lowry, Paradise Valley
* Mayor Dusty Hull, Buckeye	Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix
* Mayor Edward Morgan, Carefree	Vice Mayor Joe LaRue for Mayor John Keegan, Peoria
Mayor Vincent Francia, Cave Creek	Vice Mayor Wendy Feldman-Kerr for Mayor Mark Schnepf, Queen Creek
Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Chandler	* President Ivan Makil, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
* Mayor Cel Arias, El Mirage	Mayor Sam Campana, Scottsdale
* Mayor Sharon Morgan, Fountain Hills	Mayor Joan Shafer, Surprise
* Mayor Chuck Turner, Gila Bend	Vice Mayor Melinda Diaz for Mayor Adolfo Gamez, Tolleson
Governor Mary Thomas, Gila River Indian Community	Councilmember Lon McDermott for Mayor Dallas Gant, Wickenburg
* Mayor Cynthia Dunham, Gilbert	* Mayor Eugene Russell, Youngtown
Vice Mayor Tom Eggleston for Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale	F. Rockne Arnett, ADOT
Mayor Bill Arnold, Goodyear	Bill Beyer, Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee
* Mayor Frances Osuna, Guadalupe	
Mayor Colin Barleycorn, Litchfield Park	
Supervisor Don Stapley, Maricopa County	

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Regional Council was called to order by Vice Chairman Skip Rimsza at 5:05 p.m. He indicated that the Executive Director's Report would be heard next, until a quorum was met.

5. Executive Director's Report

This agenda item was taken out of order.

James M. Bourey summarized tonight's scheduled events. The Regional Council meeting is scheduled for 5-6 p.m., the reception from 6-7 p.m., dinner from 7-8 p.m. and the Desert Peaks Awards presentation from 8-9 p.m. Mr. Bourey stated that Chairman Giuliano would make a presentation on last year's accomplishments via videotape.

Mr. Bourey stated that the Governor's office had requested that MAG host a meeting for the Governor's Transportation Vision 21 Task Force. Originally targeted for July 8, 1999, the meeting is being rescheduled in order to accommodate attendance of the full Task Force.

Mr. Bourey said he attended a meeting of the Census Advisory Committee June 17 and 18, 1999 in Washington, DC. He indicated that a plan to allow local government input on new construction will be included by the Census Bureau.

Mr. Bourey stated that the next Y2K Forum is scheduled for June 29, 1999 at the MAG office.

Mr. Bourey stated that the Special Regional Council meeting was held on June 9, 1999. The purpose of the meeting was to act on the TIP, LRTP and air quality conformity analysis, prior to the PM-10 and Carbon Monoxide resolutions being considered for adoption tonight. Mr. Bourey stated that we have received official approval on the findings of conformity for the TIP and LRTP, which means that the accelerated freeway system has been approved. Vice Chairman Rimsza thanked Mr. Bourey for his report and asked if there were any questions.

3. Approval of the May 26, 1999 Meeting Minutes

This agenda item was not considered.

4. Call to the Audience

Vice Chairman Rimsza noted that we have a timer to assist the public with their presentations, which have a three minute time limit. When two minutes have elapsed, the yellow light will come on notifying the speaker that they have one minute to sum up. He said that at the end of the three minute time period, the red light will come on. Members of the audience who wish to speak fill out a card and give it to the MAG staff who will bring it to the Chairman.

Vice Chairman Rimsza stated that public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for non-agenda items and for consent items.

He indicated that for the action items on the agenda, public comment will be taken when the item is heard. Public comments are limited to three minutes.

Vice Chairman Rimsza recognized public comment from Dianne Barker, who summarized the many public transit routes available for transportation to the meeting tonight. Ms. Barker thanked Mr. Driggs for the transit tickets. She suggested that the passes be made available for dial-a-ride and light rail, when completed. Vice Chairman Rimsza thanked Ms. Barker for her comments.

6. Valley Vision 2025 Update

Mr. Bourey stated that significant progress has been made on Valley Vision 2025. He commented that the consultant has developed a draft framework that was presented to the full Committee at their recent meeting. He said that a draft vision is expected to be complete in mid- to late July. A final report is expected by the end of the year. Mr. Bourey said that concerns have been expressed regarding the involvement of high level business leaders. Mr. Bourey stated that the Greater Phoenix Leadership is

considering their involvement with Valley Vision 2025. Mr. Bourey stated that he would continue to update the Regional Council. Vice Chairman Rimsza thanked Mr. Bourey for his report and asked if there were any questions.

Vice Chairman Rimsza noted that since a quorum was now present, the Pledge of Allegiance would be said.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chairman Rimsza announced the two new members to the Regional Council. He commented that Mayor Eugene Russell from Youngtown would receive his membership certificate at a later meeting. He presented a membership certificate to Mayor Vincent Francia from Cave Creek and asked Mayor Francia to tell the members about himself and his community. Mayor Francia thanked Vice Chairman Rimsza for his welcome and stated that he has been a resident of Cave Creek for nine years. Mayor Francia commented that he works with a great Town Council. He said that, in addition to being Mayor, he is Communications Director for Turf Paradise.

Vice Chairman Rimsza introduced proxies: Vice Mayor Tom Eggleston for Mayor Elaine Scruggs from Glendale, Councilmember Dennis Kavanaugh for Mayor Wayne Brown from Mesa, Vice Mayor Joe LaRue for Mayor John Keegan from Peoria, Vice Mayor Wendy Feldman-Kerr for Mayor Mark Schnepf from Queen Creek, Councilmember Dennis Cahill for Mayor Neil Giuliano from Tempe, Vice Mayor Melinda Diaz for Mayor Adolfo Gamez from Tolleson, and Councilmember Lon McDermott for Mayor Dallas Gant from Wickenburg.

Vice Chairman Rimsza announced that the RPTA has generously agreed to provide transit tickets for individuals who use the bus to get to the Regional Council meeting. He stated that tickets are available following the meeting from Ken Driggs of the RPTA.

7. MAG 1999 Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan for the Maricopa County Nonattainment Area

Lindy Bauer stated that tremendous progress has been made in reducing this pollutant. She showed a slide that showed the percentage of CO emissions reductions from the committed control measures. The key measures are winter fuel reformulation, I/M cutpoints, traffic signal coordination, and a one-time waiver from I/M. The next slide showed the percentage of CO emission reductions from committed contingency measures. Ms. Bauer displayed a pie chart of the CO attainment emissions in metric tons per day and their sources for the year 2000. Ms. Bauer displayed a slide that showed the number of CO exceedence days by year. She noted that, in 1984, our region had 86 days over the acceptable levels for carbon monoxide. In 1997 and 1998, our region had no days over the acceptable levels. Ms. Bauer stated that, in accordance with the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments, a new MAG 1999 Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan has been prepared. The new plan demonstrates attainment of the carbon monoxide standard by the federal deadline of December 31, 2000.

Ms. Bauer noted the MAG Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan was developed and a public hearing held on May 20, 1999. On June 3, 1999, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee reviewed the public comments and recommended adoption of the Plan and that MAG commit to annually updating the forecast of the vehicle miles traveled and submitting the annual report to the EPA. The Management Committee concurred with this recommendation at their meeting on June 9, 1999. Vice Chairman Rimsza thanked Ms. Bauer for her report and asked if there were any questions.

Mayor Jay Tibshraeny moved to adopt the MAG 1999 Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan for the Maricopa County Nonattainment Area and that MAG commit to annually updating the forecast of vehicle miles traveled and submitting the annual report to the Environmental Protection Agency. Councilmember Dennis Kavanaugh seconded.

Vice Chairman Rimsza recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who commented that multi-modal is not happening. He commented on scrappage, reformulated fuel, and increasing transit and dial-a-ride service. Vice Chairman Rimsza thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Vice Chairman Rimsza called for a vote on the motion and it was unanimously carried to adopt the MAG 1999 Serious Area Carbon Monoxide Plan for the Maricopa County Nonattainment Area and that MAG commit to annually updating the forecast of vehicle miles traveled and submitting the annual report to the Environmental Protection Agency.

8. MAG 1999 Serious Area Particulate Plan for PM-10 for the Maricopa County Nonattainment Area

Cathy Arthur stated that the Clean Air Act requires MAG to prepare a Serious Area PM-10 Plan because this area did not attain the PM-10 standard by December 31, 1994. She said a PM-10 Plan has been prepared which shows the attainment of the standards by December 31, 2006. Ms. Arthur displayed slides that showed PM-10 exceedences of the annual average and the 24-hour standard and stated that the standards must be met by 2006. Ms. Arthur stated that the next slide showed that the new plan is able to demonstrate attainment of the PM-10 standards by 2006 as a result of 77 control measures. Ms. Arthur summarized the more significant measures as strengthening and better enforcement of Maricopa County's fugitive dust control rules; stabilizing or paving unpaved roads, shoulders and access points; and PM-10 efficient street sweepers. Ms. Arthur commented that the Plan requires the best available control measures and most stringent measures including PM-10 efficient street sweepers, PM-10 episode thresholds, restaurant charbroiler controls, and agricultural best management practices. Ms. Arthur showed a pie chart that showed the apportionment of emissions in 2006 after implementation of the 77 control measures. Ms. Arthur stated that a public hearing on the plan was held on May 20, 1999. On June 3, 1999, the MAG Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee reviewed the public comments and recommended adoption of the Plan. The Management Committee concurred with this recommendation at their meeting on June 9, 1999.

Bill Beyer moved to adopt the MAG 1999 Serious Area Particulate Plan for PM-10 for the Maricopa County Nonattainment Area. Supervisor Don Stapley seconded.

Before a vote was taken, Vice Chairman Rimsza recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who commented on the organic and inorganic composition of PM-10, paving of shoulders, and street sweepers. He stated that the paving of the shoulders should be multi-modal by adding bike lanes at the same time.

Vice Chairman Rimsza called for a vote and the motion was unanimously carried to adopt the MAG 1999 Serious Area Particulate Plan for PM-10 for the Maricopa County Nonattainment Area.

9. Election of Officers

Mr. Bourey stated that in the absence of Mayor Scruggs, who served as the Chairman of the MAG Nominating Committee, Mayor Campana, as a member of the Committee, would report on the nomination of officers of the MAG Regional Council.

Mayor Campana stated that in accordance with the MAG Nomination Process, the Nominating Committee nominates a slate of officers for the upcoming year. The MAG officer positions are Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer, one At-Large member and the Past Chairman. Mayor Campana stated that the MAG Nominating Committee was appointed by Chairman Giuliano at the MAG Regional Council meeting on April 28, 1999. The members of the Committee, in addition to herself and Mayor Scruggs, were Mayor Cynthia Dunham from Gilbert, Mayor Adolfo Gamez from Tolleson, and Mayor Dallas Gant from Wickenburg. Mayor Campana stated that the Committee nominated the current slate as officers for 1999-2000: Mayor Neil G. Giuliano, Tempe, Chairman, Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix, Vice Chairman, Mayor John Keegan, Peoria, Treasurer, Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Chandler, At-Large member, and Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale, Past Chairman.

Bill Beyer moved, Vice Mayor Wendy Feldman-Kerr seconded, and it was unanimously carried to elect the Regional Council officers: Mayor Neil Giuliano, Chairman, Mayor Skip Rimsza, Vice Chairman, Mayor John Keegan, Treasurer, Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, At-Large Member and Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Past Chairman of the Regional Council, as members of the Executive Committee.

10. ADOT Requested Changes to the 1999 MAG Regional Freeway Program

Eric Anderson summarized the financing assumptions available to accelerate the Regional Freeway System by 2007. He noted that \$400 million could be available from SIB/BFO/GAN financing. Mr. Anderson stated that continued funding from ADOT statewide funds and federal transportation funds, Vehicle License Tax (VLT) initiatives, stable interest rates, and maintenance of project costs within program inflation contingency are options considered in the financing plan.

Mr. Anderson stated that the project delivery system needs to be changed. He said general plans need to be completed to a 30 percent level by 2003. He mentioned that the environmental work on the Red Mountain and the Santan Freeways are on schedule to be completed this year. Mr. Anderson noted that consultant and contractor resources must be available to work on projects. He indicated that the support of major stakeholders, such as cities, the county, utility companies, and federal agencies, is important. Mr. Anderson stated that it is important that no major design changes are made after the 30 percent plans are completed. He indicated that changes after the 30 percent plan could result in delays and large increases in costs. Mr. Anderson updated the members on implementation of the 2007 plan. He said that ROW dollars have been reprogrammed. Mr. Anderson remarked that the Santan has undergone a major repackaging into four phases. Mr. Anderson stated that two ROW stakeholders meetings have been held to make the acquisition process go smoother. He mentioned that the cash flow model has been updated to reflect new financing sources. To accomplish the acceleration of the freeway plan, the budget for Preliminary Engineering for the General Consultant to complete the 30 percent design level and the budget for Design Change Orders needs to be increased to a total of \$27.9 million. He commented that the cost increase is due to the amounts not being updated since 1996 even though construction costs have increased. Mr. Anderson summarized the requested changes for

preliminary engineering. He stated that an additional \$2.3 million is required for administrative design costs. Mr. Anderson noted that the Management Committee recommended approval at their June 9, 1999 meeting. Vice Chairman Rimsza thanked Mr. Anderson for his report and asked if there were any questions.

Governor Mary Thomas commented that tribal governments' stakeholder involvement needs to be recognized and included in the process.

Roc Arnett moved to approve the ADOT requested changes to the 1999 MAG Regional Freeway Program. Mayor Thomas Morales seconded.

Before a vote was taken, Vice Chairman Rimsza recognized public comment from Blue Crowley, who stated that freeway planning is not dealing with Grand Avenue, the Southwest Valley, the 303, Canamex, and Highway 85. Transit in smaller communities is not being addressed. Solution should be multi-modal. Vice Chairman Rimsza thanked Mr. Crowley for his comments.

Vice Chairman Rimsza called for a vote and the motion was unanimously carried to approve the ADOT requested changes to the 1999 MAG Regional Freeway Program.

11. Resolution of Special Recognition for Governor Jane Dee Hull

Vice Chairman Rimsza stated that Governor Jane Dee Hull was instrumental in supporting the regional plan to accelerate the freeway system by 2007. This resulted in the passage of Senate Bill 1201 by the Legislature to provide over \$400 million in financing for statewide transportation needs. Vice Chairman Rimsza mentioned that Governor Hull also recognized the vital need to continue the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Maintenance Program to insure the success of air quality plans and the continuation of our regional transportation program. Vice Chairman Rimsza indicated that a Resolution expressing appreciation for her exceptional leadership has been prepared for consideration by the Regional Council.

Mayor Colin Barleycorn moved, Councilmember Lon McDermott seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the Resolution of Special Recognition for Governor Jane Dee Hull.

Vice Chairman Rimsza announced that the Desert Peaks Awards reception begins at 6:00 p.m. and the dinner is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. The Awards presentation is scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary